

Planning Commission Staff Report

Hearing Date: June 21, 2007



Case:	9010
Project Name:	Old Henry Road Subarea Plan Executive Summary
Applicant:	Louisville Metro Government
Representative:	Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	19 (Heiner)
Case Manager:	Kendal Baker, AICP

Request

Review of the Old Henry Road Subarea Plan Executive Summary for adoption as an amendment to Cornerstone 2020.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review the Executive Summary of the Old Henry Road Subarea Plan and forward a recommendation to the Metro Council to append the Executive Summary to Cornerstone 2020.

Case Summary / Background

The Old Henry Road Subarea Plan was adopted by Jefferson County Fiscal Court on May 9, 2000. The planning process was led by Jefferson County Planning and Development Services. A number of individuals, neighborhood organizations and public agencies were involved in the planning process, including: the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA); the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; Jefferson County Public Works and Transportation; the Old Henry Neighborhood Organization (OHNO); and numerous other citizens and neighborhood residents.

The Old Henry Road Subarea Plan was developed and adopted around the same time as the adoption of Cornerstone 2020. This plan was guided by the previously adopted Cornerstone 2020 Goals and Objectives, and includes concepts and recommendations consistent with Cornerstone 2020. Plans and studies consistent with the goals, objectives, and Plan Elements of Cornerstone 2020 are intended to be adopted as amendments to the comprehensive plan.

While the Old Henry Road Subarea Plan is compliant with Cornerstone 2020, it was necessary for Planning and Design Services staff to create an “Executive Summary” of this plan for adoption that is consistent with other neighborhood/small area plans and the Neighborhood Plan Ordinance (Chapter 161 of Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances).

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary of this plan includes a Vision/Purpose statement and outlines eleven overriding recommendations from the plan. In the Old Henry plan, the recommendations are labeled as “guiding principles,” and the plan contains twelve guiding principles. All of the original guiding principles from the adopted plan are included in the Executive Summary as recommendations, except Guiding Principle No. 10 Utility Planning.

In our current neighborhood plan model, recommendations may be listed in categories of Cornerstone 2020/Land Development Code; Infrastructure/Capital Improvement; and Policy/Programmatic. The Utility Planning guiding principle focuses on infrastructure issues. This is not included because only recommendations from plans applicable to Cornerstone 2020 and the Land Development Code are adopted as amendments to the comprehensive plan. This policy is consistent with the adoption of other neighborhood plans, and as directed in the Neighborhood Plan Ordinance.

The recommendations in this Executive Summary also have been re-ordered and categorized under the Cornerstone 2020 Plan Elements headings of Community Form, Mobility/Transportation, and Livability /Environment.

For the complete text of the document, the Executive Summary is attached.

Staff Findings

The following Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 Plan Elements support the recommendations contained in the Old Henry Road Subarea Plan Executive Summary:

Guideline 2. Centers

Encourage mixed land uses organized around compact activity centers that are existing, proposed or planned.

Guideline 3. Compatibility

Ensure that land uses and transportation facilities are located, designed and constructed to be compatible with nearby land uses and to minimize impacts to residential areas, schools and other sensitive areas in the community.

Guideline 4. Open Space

Ensure well-designed permanently protected open space that meets community needs.

Guideline 5. Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources

Protect natural areas, natural features and important scenic and historic resources. Locate development, whenever possible, in areas that do not have severe environmental limitations.

Guideline 6. Economic Growth and Sustainability

Provide a positive culture for attracting and sustaining business within Louisville and Jefferson County.

Guideline 7. Circulation

Ensure a balanced and comprehensive multi-modal transportation network that is coordinated with desired growth and development patterns and provides for the movement of people and goods.

Guideline 8. Transportation Facility Design

Design transportation facilities that are safe and efficient, that minimize adverse impacts upon the community and that accommodate, where possible, all modes of travel, such as trucks, automobiles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles.

Guideline 15. Community Facilities

Review community facility location and design to ensure compatibility with existing development.

Attached Documents / Information

Attached is the comprehensive plan guidelines discussed within the staff findings.

Notification

This request was noticed in accordance with KRS 100 requirements.